

Job Description
Missouri State Highway Patrol

Class Title: Buyer II

Title Code: V00168

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Immediate Supervisor: Fiscal & Budgetary Supervisor

Position Supervised: None

FLSA Classification: Non-exempt

Working Hours: An employee in this position works an eight-hour shift as directed by the division director; however, working hours are subject to change at the discretion of the commanding authority.

JOB DESCRIPTION

This is responsible technical work in the procurement of supplies, materials, and equipment. An employee in this class is responsible for the procurement of a wide variety of commodities and/or services, some of which may be highly technical and require complex procurement standards and procedures such as negotiation. Duties include reviewing requisitions; preparing invitations for bids/requests for proposals and purchase orders; evaluating bids; and making awards. The employee assists and advises staff, troops, and divisions and maintains contacts with vendors. A buyer at this level is expected to understand the advanced procurement methods and to recommend the use of them, and to use them on a limited basis upon approval by a superior. Work is performed under the supervision of a technical superior, but considerable opportunity for independent action and judgment is afforded.

DESCRIPTION OF DUTIES PERFORMED

(Any one position may not include all of the duties listed nor do the listed examples include all tasks, which may be found in positions of this class.)

Reviews purchase requisitions for completeness of information and proper description of the commodity; contacts division director/troop commanders for additional information.

Prepares bid invitations; contacts division directors/troop commanders, Office of Administration and vendors to resolve procurement problems.

Prepares written contract and purchase documents in the state accounting system.

Solicits bids for items to be purchased; verifies purchase orders to ascertain if they are properly completed and if procedures, rules, and regulations are followed.

Assists other divisions/troops with purchase orders and bidding procedures; meets with vendors and sales personnel for product demonstrations; works closely with state purchasing agents to ensure all bids are in compliance with regulations.

Makes purchases for the agency.

Collects statistical and other information as requested.

Conducts pre-bid/proposal conferences, when required.

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Operates standard office equipment (e.g., typewriter, calculator, computer keyboard and monitor, facsimile machine, copy machine, etc.).

Performs other related duties as assigned.

REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES

Thorough knowledge of the various grades and qualities of commodities assigned to be purchased and their sources of supply.

Thorough knowledge of the markets, marketing practices, and pricing methods as they apply to the assigned commodity group.

Thorough knowledge of the principles, practices, and problems of centralized procurement.

Thorough knowledge of current developments in procurement.

Knowledge of the organization and functions of state government.

Knowledge of the techniques used to assess the quality and value of technical commodities.

Ability to read English effectively.

Ability to communicate in English clearly and concisely, both orally and in writing.

Ability to type documents into the state accounting system.

Ability to secure, interpret, and analyze technical data and to exercise sound judgment in arriving at conclusions.

Ability to apply proper descriptive terminology or established specifications to requisitions for supplies, materials, or equipment.

Ability to obtain and evaluate competitive bids for the procurement of supplies, materials, or equipment.

Ability to establish and maintain effective working relations with others.

Ability to handle several projects simultaneously.

Ability to express ideas clearly and concisely, in oral and written form.

Ability to handle restricted and confidential information in a professional manner and maintain the information as such.

Ability to operate standard office equipment (e.g., typewriter, computer keyboard and monitor, calculator, facsimile machine, copy machine, etc.).

Ability to work with material that may be of a sexual nature relating to criminal activity (e.g., written material, photographs, and/or verbal language, etc.).

Ability to drive a motor vehicle.

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Ability to work hours as assigned.

MINIMUM EXPERIENCE, EDUCATION, AND TRAINING REQUIRED

(The following represents the minimum qualifications used to accept applicants, provided that equivalent substitution will be permitted in case of deficiencies in either experience or education.)

Graduation from an accredited four-year college or university with specialization in accounting, public or business administration or closely related fields. (Related experience may be traded for education on a year-for-year basis.)

AND

Possess at least one year as a Buyer I or three years of responsible procurement experience in a centralized purchasing operation involving experience with complicated and technical contracts.